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TECH NEWS



VOL. 7

WORCESTER, MASS., MAY 2, 1916

NO. 30

Tech Takes Second Place at Penn.

Rutgers Wins in 3 min., 31 1-5 sec.

Once again Tech has shown her strength in the relay, finishing second to the strong Rutgers team at the Penn. Relay Carnival, Saturday. Tech drew the pole and Leon Powers, Tech's lead-off man got away to a fine start only to be boxed at the first turn. When he finally righted himself he was 10 yards in the rear. Knowlton ran a splendid quarter, picking up four yards while Art Green held his own with his man, sending Rieker off about five yards in the rear. Captain Rieker put up a splendid fight, but despite his best efforts finished three yards back of the leader.

The team returned to New York Saturday night and to Worcester Sunday, bringing with them a fine silver loving cup each. Both Lehigh and Dickinson took firsts in their events last year, but could not come through this year.

Summary:

One-mile relay—Won by Rutgers; Worcester Polytechnic, 2d; Lehigh, 3d. Time, 3 min., 31 1-5 sec.

TECH Y. M. C. A. FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

During Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, the Y. M. C. A. conducted its annual financial campaign among the student body. It was planned to approach at this time every man on the Hill and ask him to contribute to the work of the association and to the furnishing of the Association rooms in the new gymnasium. All but twenty-five men were seen. These men are to be seen this week. Three hundred and thirty-five of the four hundred and eighty men registered, pledged six hundred and twenty-five dollars. This is an average of one dollar and thirty cents per man in the school and of one dollar and seventy-five cents per man of those making a pledge. This money is payable for the most part this spring; seventy-five dollars of it is payable next Fall.

While the final amount pledged will probably fall four hundred dollars or more short of the sum needed, the financial committee are pleased to see that it will be nearly twice the amount pledged last year. It is hoped, with the start made this year, that in another year the student body average can be raised to two dollars per man.

FRESHMAN CLASS MEETING

At a meeting of the class of 1919 last Friday, a committee consisting of Hareus, chairman, Lawton and Root was appointed to draw up a constitution for the class. There was also appointed a committee to take charge of selecting Freshman hats for '20; Bean, chairman, Bassett, and Whitmore are on this committee.

Tech Banquet

Harry Worcester Smith to Speak

Everything is now ready for the big time—the Tech Banquet. Harry Worcester Smith, the prominent sportsman, will give his illustrated talk on his trip to England with his racing horses. According to all reports, this talk is very interesting and the committee is to be commended for the wisdom of its choice.

Music will be furnished during the evening by the Tech Orchestra and as usual the men in the different courses are planning surprises.

Remember: Tech Banquet, Tuesday evening, May 9th, one dollar and thirty-five cents.

Physical Education Schedule

Compulsory Blanket Tax Disapproved

In anticipation of the opening of the gymnasium next fall, the faculty has made certain recommendations concerning the physical training requirements. These recommendations were approved by the Corporation at its last meeting, and the details of the plans will be worked out this summer as soon as Professor Carpenter, the recently appointed physical director, assumes his new position on July 1. The question of military science will be considered later.

The faculty recommendations pertain

Alumni Plan Reception

Will Help Win Stevens Game

To all appearances the Stevens game is to share with Commencement game the honor of being "the game of the year." The Alumni with characteristic enthusiasm have started the ball rolling in that direction and the following letter tells the story.

MANAGER BASEBALL TEAM,
Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Worcester, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—

In connection with the game which you are scheduled to play with Stevens at Hoboken on May 13th, The New York Alumni Association would like to make the game an occasion of general interest by turning out in force at the game and having dinner together at some convenient point in the evening.

I should like to learn if the team and the students who accompany it to Hoboken would like to join with us in this matter. The Alumni Association would like to regard all members of the team as its guests at such a function and would also like to provide a suitable entertainment of a character which the boys would best like.

At the present time, I cannot estimate the number of the Alumni which we can muster up again, although I believe we should have little difficulty in securing

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Two Home Games This Week ALUMNI FIELD

BATES === Thursday, 3.30 p. m.

TRINITY === Saturday, 3.00 p. m.

A NEW ORDER COMETH

Chinese Student Cast to Present Play

Next Friday, May 5th, the Cosmopolitan Club will present the Chinese play, "A New Order Cometh," at Tuckerman Hall. The cast of fifteen includes Chinese students from Yale, Harvard, M. I. T., Brown, Tech and Wellesley. The author, P. C. Chang, Clark, '13, has held high positions in student organizations and is now secretary of a Christian Association in China. Mr. Chang received a prize in oratory while at Clark.

The play is written in four acts. The first scene shows college life in an American "co-ed" school. Two Chinese students are in love and everything appears settled until the fellow receives a telegram from China telling him to return and marry the choice of the folks at home. Realizing that this old Chinese order must be adhered to he breaks off the strong acquaintance and starts home. The second act shows a typical and elaborate banquet scene, which when presented alone in Boston was highly commended. The plot, rich in complications, is cleverly developed. K. Y. Mok, a graduate student, has a heavy part. In answer to many inquiries it may be stated that the parts are spoken in English. Between the acts there will be Chinese exhibitions. The name is a fitting one for the unique social affair which we hope may "come" to stay. Tickets are \$1.50 and \$1.00. Tech spirit should be the cause for Tech support.

to the amount of time required for physical education. It was voted that beginning September, 1916 three hours of such work be prescribed for all freshmen, and two hours each week for all sophomores. Physical education is to be optional for all juniors and seniors. This schedule contemplates two hours exercise in the gymnasium per week with possibly one lecture each week on hygiene and the care of the body. It is intended to give the students credit in connection with the gymnasium for outdoor exercises so far as they can be regarded as the equivalent of regular training indoors. This outline should put the Institute fully abreast of all other colleges in the equipment and facilities for physical education.

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FRESHMEN WIN SPRING CLASS MEET

Two-Mile the Big Surprise

Saturday afternoon the Spring Inter-class Meet was held on Alumni Field, the Freshmen winning with 65½ points. While few of the events were record-breakers or anywhere near record breaking, there was keen competition in many of the events. The big find was in Garland, a freshman, who won easily over Francis in the two-mile. The latter had already run in the mile, and seemed tired, while Garland ran very easily all the distance. Garland's time of 10 min., 36 4-5 sec. was very good.

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TENNIS COURTS STARTED

Work on Six to Begin This Week

Work will commence this week on the tennis courts which are to be placed on Bliss Field. Plans have been drawn for ten, and six of these are to be started at once. Two will be placed between the gymnasium and West Street, and the others are to be in groups of four along West Street. It is expected that the six will be completed in time for commencement. The work is being done by Robert C. Allen, 1900, general contractor.

The gymnasium itself is nearly ready for the dedication. The wiring was started this week, and the order for the gymnasium apparatus is to go in within a few days. Professor Carpenter is expected to be in Worcester Thursday for a conference on this subject.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY—5 p. m. Meeting of Tech News Staff. Tech News Building.

THURSDAY—3.30 p. m. Baseball. Tech vs. Bates, Alumni Field.

FRIDAY—Tuckerman Hall. "A New Order Cometh"—Cosmopolitan Club Play.

SATURDAY—3.30 p. m. Baseball—Tech vs. Trinity, Alumni Field.

Dual Meet with Colby, Waterville, Me.

SUNDAY—4 to 6 p. m. President and Mrs. Hollis at home to students.

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BOOST TECH

Editorials

TECH BANQUET

Each succeeding year has seen an increased attendance at the Tech Banquet together with an increased show of enthusiasm. The Banquet each year furnishes one of the best times of the year for the Alumni and undergraduates to get together, and each has something to give the other; the Alumni the breadth of view and perspective of experience and matured judgment; the undergraduates the enthusiasm and vitalized spirit of youth. Each does its share in broadening the outlook of the other and if no other reason were offered, would furnish sufficient inducement for anyone physically able to attend. Add to this the general good time always attending when "good fellows

get together" and no plausible excuse can be offered for any live man's absence.

The interest shown in Dr. Hollis' recent talks to groups of the student body on the war in Europe and the need of preparedness in this country certainly indicates that the men on the Hill are keenly interested in getting the viewpoint of men capable of dealing with questions prominent in public interest. It is to be earnestly hoped that in the future some means can be found whereby the entire student body can be afforded the opportunity of hearing men high in matters of public importance. In many institutions the opportunity is found in the time devoted to chapel, for which splendid speakers are secured. Here at the Institute we feel the lack of this. While many fine speakers are secured by the various engineering societies for their meetings, the talks are, as a rule, technical in character. These are fine things for an engineer but today an engineer must be more than a technical man; he must be well informed on many matters of general interest. It would seem possible that in the new gymnasium, the seating capacity could be found for such gatherings, and it is certain that the student body would be heartily interested in a course of lectures, by prominent men on subjects other than technical ones.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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In the same connection action was taken on the blanket tax assessment of \$15 for which a majority of the students voted some time ago. This measure was not approved, though a fee of \$10 was found necessary for the maintenance of the gymnasium. The gym will be maintained partly, also, by the income of an endowment of \$100,000 from the graduates of the Institute. While athletic dues and TECH NEWS subscriptions will not become a part of the fee collected on the term bill, it seems quite probable that one or both of these fees will be collected through the office of the Institute.

BOOK AND SUPPLY DEPARTMENT MANAGER

An Assistant Manager of the Book and Supply Department is to be selected from the present Freshman Class by the Committee in charge. Salary \$200 for the first year.

The appointment in general is based on scholarship, financial need, residence, previous experience and qualification for the position.

Candidates should file written applications at once with Prof. William W. Bird, Chairman of the Committee.

COLORS FOR SOPHOMORES

At a meeting of the sophomore class, buff and blue were adopted as the class colors.

SOPHOMORE HOP

The Sophomore class has received an invitation from President Hollis to hold their Hop in his home. At a class meeting held last Thursday the Class voted to accept the invitation. Originally it was intended to hold the dance in Terpsichorean Hall but now the plans are to be

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changed accordingly. However, the date of the Hop is still to be Friday evening, May 19th, and the price per couple is one dollar.

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ALUMNI PLAN RECEPTION

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from 50 to 75 members, but, however small the representation may be, I believe that they can be depended upon to add to the general interest and enthusiasm of the occasion.

If a proposition of this kind appears feasible to you, I should like to be advised concerning the actual number of the team members and if possible the number of other students who will accompany them. If the scheme works out we should be very glad to have such other students with us at the dinner and also at such other entertainment as may later be decided upon but I regret to state that the Alumni Association does not feel that it can assume the expense involved for these additional members so that if they do join it will necessarily be at their own expense.

The proposition of the entertainment after the dinner is one upon which I should like to secure your opinion. We do not propose to subject the boys to an evening of oratory but would anticipate that they would better enjoy attending a play, say at the Hippodrome or some other entertainment which is essentially unique to the City of New York and which cannot be seen in Worcester.

It may be possible that you are planning on taking the team back to Worcester on the late night train so that a theatre entertainment might have its objectionable features, but I should like to suggest that in such case you consider the feasibility of keeping the team in New York overnight. I should consider that the expense incidental to Hotel accommodation would not exceed that involved in pullman fare upon the night train and by returning to Worcester Sunday morning, this pullman fare would be eliminated.

I would thank you to advise me at your earliest convenience concerning your disposition in a matter of this sort, giving me in detail your opinion upon the various points mentioned above. I am sure that if we can put through a proposition of this kind it will add greatly to the enthusiasm of the occasion and it may be possible that perhaps such support will be a factor in pulling down a victory from the Hoboken Heights.

Very truly yours,

F. W. READ, '05,

Chairman, Executive Committee

24 Walker St.,
Room 1204, New York City.

On April 20 a second letter came from Mr. Read, enclosing a circular, which outlines the plans of the day and is being sent to every New York alumnus. It follows in part:

"Worcester Polytechnic Institute plays baseball with Stevens Institute at Castle Point, Hoboken, N. J., on Saturday, May 13 at 3.00 p. m.

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FRESHMEN WIN SPRING CLASS MEET

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Had the points scored by "W" men been allowed to count, the sophomores would have won easily. Many "W" men competed, chiefly in the field events.

Hall and Keith carried off single high point honors, each scoring 18 points for his class. As the hammer was broken before any competition had started, the points for this event were granted to the three freshmen competitors.

Summary:—

100 yds. dash—Won by Hall '18; Berry '16, 2d; Heinritz '18, 3d. Time, 11 1-5 sec.

Mile run—Won by Knipping '19; Crossman '19, 2d; Leonard '19, 3d. Time, 4 min. 52 1-5 sec.

120 yds. hurdles—Won by Keith '19; Sessions '17, 2d. Time, 17 2-5 sec.

Two-mile run—Won by Garland '19; Ferry '19, 2d; Reavey '18, 3d. Time, 10 min. 36 4-5 sec.

440 yds. dash—Won by Heinritz '18; Hall '18, 2d; Berry '16, 3d. Time, 57 1-5 sec.

220 yds. hurdles—Won by Keith '19; Sessions '17, 2d. Time, 27 2-5 sec.

220 yds. dash—Won by Hall '18; Berry '16, 2d; Cole '19, 3d. Time, 24 4-5 sec.

880 yds. run—Won by Keith '19; Heinritz '18, 2d; Livermore '19, 3d. Time, 2 min. 11 2-5 sec.

High jump—Won by Hinckley '19; Livermore '19, 2d; Leonard '19, and Sessions '17, tied for third. Height, 5 ft. 6 in.

Broad jump—Won by Hall '18; Hinckley '19, 2d; Whitney '19, 3d. Distance, 19 ft. 1/2 in.

Pole vault—Won by Everett '18; Keith '19, and Whitney '19, tied. Height, 10 ft. 2 in.

Shotput—Won by Everett '18; Archibald '18, 2d; Howard '18, 3d. Distance, 34 ft. 11 in.

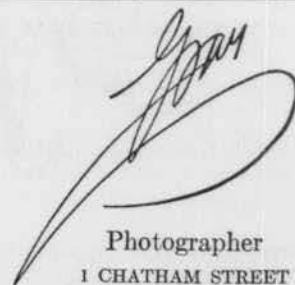
Discus throw—Won by Archibald '18; Radom '19, 2d; Vepsala '19, 3d. Distance, 105 ft. 3 1/2 in.

Hammer throw—Won by Welch '19; Radom '19, and Vepsala '19, by default.

C. E. MEETING

Friday evening, Mr. Matthew Gault of the Worcester Sewer Department, spoke before the Civil Engineering Society showing many fine slides of the construction work going on in the city, including the Beaver Brook operations.

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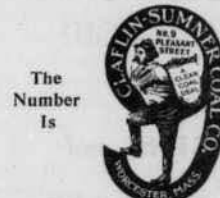
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In the Junior year he was the mainstay of a very successful relay team and one of the biggest point winners on the track team. In both the Junior and Senior years he has served the class by his work on different committees. His work has been recognized by his election to Skull and to the leadership of the track team.

Great things are expected of him on the track this spring and from the form he is running in now it is not too much to prophecy that Tech will have a champion in the New England Intercollegiate. Ricker is sure to make a place for himself in the world if he shows the same aggressiveness in life that he has shown on the track and in school.

MUSICAL CLUB NOTES
Full Week for Musicians

The musical clubs of Worcester Tech are concluding their very successful season with a full schedule for the week. On Sunday, April 23d, the members of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs were the guests of President and Mrs. Hollis, and a number of the members of each club were present, and rendered several pleasing selections. On Tuesday evening the combined clubs gave a well attended concert at the Piedmont Congregational Church. The concert was followed by a small party and a pleasant social hour. At the conclusion of the party, the Glee Club immediately proceeded to the Bancroft, where they were entertained at the banquet of the Park Commissioners. Last Friday evening the clubs made the trip to Framingham. The concert, which was given by the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, with the aid of the quartet, was held in the High School Hall under the auspices of the Nurses' Training School of the Framingham Hospital. This was one of the most important of the spring trips and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

Last night the clubs conducted a con-

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cert in Odd Fellows' Hall, in this city, and the Tech Orchestra furnished music for the dance, which followed. The final appearance of the clubs for the season will be at the Southbridge High School on the evening of May 12th. At this time the Glee and Mandolin Clubs will give the entertainment and the orchestra will render music for the hall.

An important meeting of the Musical Association will be held in Room 19, Boynton Hall on Monday, May 8th, at 5 p. m. As this is the election of officers, a full attendance is desired.

EXCHANGE NOTES

W. C. Eddy, Superintendent Atlas Powder Company, Senter, Michigan, was a visitor at the Institute last week.

The newest freak organization is a "Bald Head" club formed at the University of Minnesota. Anyone is eligible with "three square inches of cleared forest on his block."

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